

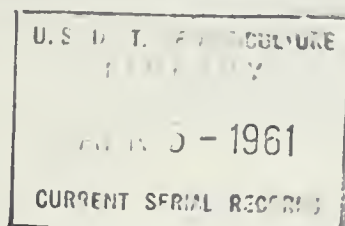
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Growth Through Agricultural Progress

INTERNATIONAL DRY BEAN

OUTPUT UP 8 PERCENT IN 1960

Dry edible bean production in the United States and 27 foreign countries was 93.2 million bags in 1960 -- up 8 percent from the 86.2 million bags in 1959. Acreage was down 4 percent from the 15.1 million acres to 14.6 million acres.

Production in Communist China, the U.S.S.R., Balkan satellites and parts of Africa, are excluded due to inadequate data. Including them would suggest world total production of about 130 million bags.

The 1960 crop in Brazil, the world's largest producer was up 9 million bags, or 33 percent from a low 1959 crop. This largely accounts for the 8 percent increase in world production and brings it to near normal. The United States and Mexico, the second and third largest producers, both had slightly smaller crops than in 1959.

North America: Ten countries in North America reported a 3 percent decline in production. This drop was attributed largely to a 2 percent drop in U.S. and 4 percent in Mexico's. These two countries produce almost 90 percent of the North American crop.

North American production totaled 32.7 million bags in 1960, compared with 33.7 million bags in 1959, a decrease of almost 980,000 bags, 440,000 bags in Mexico and 355,000 in the United States. Acreage harvested in 1960 was up 3 percent or 5.5 million acres from 1959. Output of Canada, a smaller producer, was down 13 percent from the 700,000 output of 1959.

Europe: European production was down 6 percent from the 16.2 million bags in 1959, to 15.3 million bags. The output of France and Greece was up, while that of Italy, Portugal and Yugoslavia was down. Spain's output was about equal to 1959. French production of 2.5 million bags was up 32 percent from 1959's poor crop of 1.9 million bags.

Yugoslavia's output of 3.5 million bags was down 29 percent from 1959's crop of 5 million bags. Greece produced 1.3 million bags in 1960, up 10 percent from the 1.2 million bags in 1959.

South America: Output in South America was up 30 percent, due largely to Brazil's near-normal harvest after the small crop of 26.6 million bags in 1959. Brazil's 5.3 million acres was 5 percent less than the 5.6 million in 1959. Chile's production was up 28 percent from the 1.5-million-bag crop of 1959.

Asia: Production in Asia was 6.5 million bags in 1960, down 3 percent from the 1959 output of 6.7 million. Japan's production was down 12 percent and Turkey's up 7 percent.

Beans, dry edible: Acreage, yield and production in specified countries
average 1950-54, annual 1959 and 1960

Continent & country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average	1959	1960	Average	1959	1960	Average	1959	1960
	1950-54			1950-54			1950-54		
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/
North America:									
Canada	67	68	67	1,097	1,030	907	735	701	608
Costa Rica	86	125	127	287	332	330	247	415	419
Mexico	2,463	3,212	3,459	237	357	319	5,841	11,464	11,023
Nicaragua	84	97	95	604	500	443	507	485	421
Panama, Rep.	54	36	2/ 35	256	633	628	138	288	2/ 220
United States ..	1,416	1,477	1,437	1,122	1,233	1,243	15,886	18,212	17,857
Cuba	95	104	2/ 100	705	742	750	670	772	2/ 750
Dominican Rep. ..	40	40	2/ 40	1,222	1,240	1,250	489	496	2/ 500
El Salvador	87	43	53	770	525	419	670	226	222
Guatemala	120	116	71	450	603	986	540	700	700
Total	4,512	5,318	5,484	570	634	597	25,723	33,699	32,720
Europe:									
Austria	3	2	2/ 2	1,433	1,850	1,750	43	37	2/ 35
Belgium	1	1	1	2,600	1,900	1,600	26	19	16
France	351	280	274	585	673	905	2,055	1,885	2,480
Germany, West ...	4	3	3	1,925	2,200	1,467	77	66	44
Greece 2/	143	168	177	560	718	747	801	1,207	1,323
Italy	1,130	944	930	279	436	424	3,153	4,115	3,941
Netherlands	12	9	9	2,025	1,177	2,289	243	106	206
Portugal	866	828	788	135	122	119	1,170	1,007	934
Spain	432	259	247	398	1,059	1,111	1,720	2,743	2,745
Yugoslavia 2/ ...	417	600	395	610	830	893	2,543	4,982	3,527
Total	3,359	3,094	2,826	352	522	540	11,831	16,167	15,251
South America:									
Argentina 4/	72	71	66	776	770	867	559	547	572
Brazil 4/	4,778	5,580	5,315	606	474	664	28,961	26,455	35,273
Chile 4/	190	218	234	808	671	801	1,536	1,462	1,874
Colombia	217	284	222	559	427	432	1,213	1,212	959
Total	5,257	6,153	5,837	614	482	663	32,269	29,676	38,678
Asia:									
Japan 5/	142	253	222	965	1,296	1,301	1,371	3,280	2,889
Turkey	215	299	299	1,007	1,106	1,180	2,166	3,307	3,527
Syria	4	4	2/ 4	625	500	500	25	20	2/ 20
Lebanon	20	20	2/ 20	575	500	500	115	100	2/ 100
Total	381	576	545	965	1,164	1,199	3,677	6,707	6,536
Grand total..	13,509	15,141	14,592	544	570	639	73,500	86,249	93,185

1/ 100-pound bags. 2/ Estimate. 3/ Interplanted with corn and main crop. 4/ Harvest immediately preceding the harvest in Northern Hemisphere. 5/ Kidney beans only.

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